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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7 and 10-18 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/8508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/20/06
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the communication dated 4/20/06.
2. Claims 1-18 are pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement filed 4/20/06 has been placed in the application file and the information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

Drawings

4. The subject matter of this application admits of illustration by a drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention. Applicant is required to furnish a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81(c). No new matter may be introduced in the required drawing. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Claim Objections

5. Claims 1-2, 4 and 7 are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a) As to claim 1, the phrase "producing random numbers S_i " should be – producing random **variables** S_i --.

b) As to claim 2, step E33 is missing, if E33_1 and E33_2 are substeps of step E33, please indicate clearly.

c) As to claim 4, the phrase "steps E33-1 and E33_2" should be --steps E33_1 and E33_2--.

d) As to claim 7, there are substeps E33_41 to E33_43, there are gaps between substeps E33_1, E33_2 and E33_41 to E33_43, please renumber for consistency and ease to follow.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

6. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

7. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The language of claim 1 raises a question as to whether the claim is directed merely to an abstract idea that is not tied to a technological art, environment or machine which would result in a practical application producing a concrete, useful and tangible result to form the basis of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 2-18 are rejected by the same rationale applied against claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

9. Claim 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 recites "producing random numbers S_i of size N fixed between 0 and $W-1$ ". Is size N the total numbers of random numbers S_i or the size of each random number S_i ? Element " W " is not defined. Claim 9 recites a chip card according to claim 1. It is not clear what does a chip card do? How does it relate to claim 1?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

11. Claims 1 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

AAPA discloses a cryptographic method during which use is made of a random number generator producing random numbers S_i of size N fixed between 0 and $W-1$, in order to produce a random number R between 0 and a predefined limiter K , wherein:

E31: a random variable S_i between 0 and $W-1$ is produced.

E32: if the random variable S_i is strictly less than a coefficient K_i of the limiter K in base W , then the coefficient R_i of rank i of the random number R is equal to the random variable S_i and then, for any rank J less than i , a random variable S_j between 0 and $W-1$ is produced and $R_j = S_j$,

E33: otherwise, if said random variable is greater than the coefficient K_i of rank i of the limiter K in base W , then said coefficient R_i is determined from the random variable S_i of rank i according to a predetermined function, and then the coefficient R_{i-1} is determined for the random number R of rank $i-1$ that is immediately lower by repeating steps E31 to E33 (AAPA: 0006-0010).

Allowable Subject Matter

12. Claims 2-7 and 10-18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Dieu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3873.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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